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weekend, wrote a few letters about my neglected personal affairs, digested the sad, delayed news that the tenant of our smaller house at Belmont had not paid his rent for six months, and, after this, merry as a grig, went to lunch with E and the children, there to gorge on Dublin prawns, until life all seemed honey and roses.

Back to the desk this afternoon, almost a repetition of the morning, more of the same.

The substantial matters to be dealt with here by an Ambassador are minor in number, though they engross hours of attention, as compared with the almost endless demands of a social nature. Introductions of deserving constituents flow in by thousands from Congressmen.

One of the penalties of age is the amassing of numerous acquaintances. When they say they want to pay "their respects", a phrase that automatically provokes shudders, they mean that, having nothing else to do, they wish to settle down for an hour to talk about themselves, or their tribulations in respect to hotel or transportation requirements.

So it goes on, no peace here or abroad. Most of my contemporaries, at my age of sixty-four, seem occupied in what appear to be attractive pursuits. Whether they really are so, I gravely doubt.

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Tonight, we went to drink with Al Wells and an attractive Austrian lady at his apartment in Eaton Square; it is ideal for an unattached man.

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More reading. Then, E and I set forth for Luton Hoo, the house of Sir Harold and Lady Zia Wernher, about thirty miles from London.

There, the guest of honor was Ex-Queen Helen of Roumania, middle-aged, probably frustrated, her residence a villa outside Florence. The others were

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called "Starke". We had smoked salmon, herring, borsch, chicken done in the Polish manner, strawberries in cream, as well as superlative Chateau Margaux.

General Anders' reminiscences of the war, his previous service in the Russian Army, his tribulations in Soviet jails, his adventures during the North Italian campaign, were fascinating. He also repeated the arguments in favor of his and Zamoyski's contention that the United States should at once force the Germans to recognize the permanence of the Oder-Neisse line.

There are still about 146,000 Poles in Great Britain. The Polish House provides an attractive setting for them in London where they can read newspapers, magazines and books in their native language, and eat for five shillings a meal. I was much impressed by the merits of this establishment.

I had not seen "Lubo" since the late 1920's. In fact, the last occasion on which we had met was at Lancut in Poland. He owned a place near-by. He was in the Polish Embassy in Washington shortly after the first World War. There he remained for some years, and was one of the favorite dancing men around town.

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At 4:30, I introduced Mayor Wagner in the USIS Theater to an audience liberally sprinkled with British Mayors, in these words:

> "Three times Mayor of the City of New York, Mr. Wagner needs no introduction to an audience either domestic or foreign.
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> Especially is this true in England, which he visited seven years ago, as the guest of the Lord Mayor of London.
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> Moreover, during the 2nd World War he served in Great Britain for fifteen months with the U. S. Eighth Air Force.
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> On behalf of the Embassy, I should like to say how honored we feel by his visit.
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> Also, as a former resident of New York City, I wish to express a personal admiration for the unusual devotion to public service displayed, over a long span of years, by his father and himself, during their occupancy of offices of the greatest distinction, with exemplary conscientiousness."

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